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Dear Mr. Arnold:-

My attention has been called to a curious conceit of yours on page 72 of your Numismatic Guide.

Knowing the facts as well as we do, and as well as I understand a good many others do, it strikes us that the sentence herewith quoted, "We neither offer these cuts for sale nor give permission to anybody to duplicate them." is one of the largest pieces of nerve in the history of coin dealerdom. We suppose that in some high brain storm you have felt warranted to commission yourself with saying what others can or cannot do with cuts that you have acquired chiefly by the aid of scissors from some other numismatic publications.

In looking over your book there is a ring of familarity with nearly every cut. Can it be that I have seen them before? On the page opposite the Index, a hand holding a coin, the heading over the Preface and the Lincoln penny on page 67 we drawings made by myself, and I have searched through my files in vain to see if permission had been requested for the use of these illustrations, and I rather imagine that others could do the same, consequently do you not think hereafter that it would be a little wiser on your part, to refrain from making any mention that you are the sole custodian of the rights of the cuts displayed in your Numismatic Guide. Also I think that in the forth coming edition, you might state where and how you got most of your illustrations.

I beg to remain,

Your most humble servant,